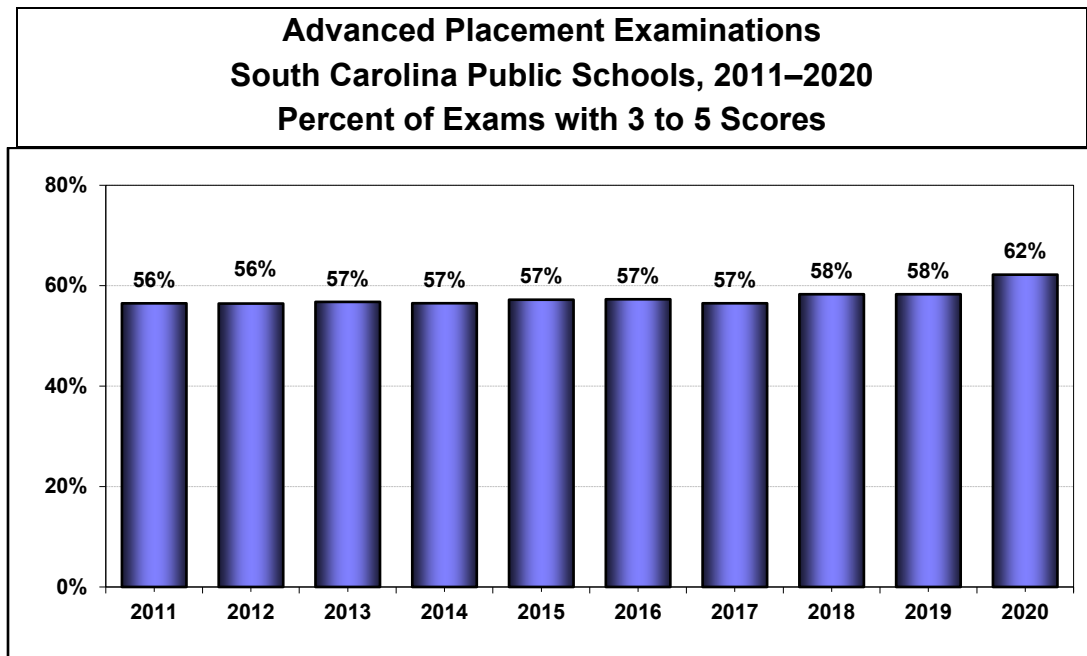


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2020

Advanced Placement Results

Since 1984, each school district in South Carolina has been required to provide Advanced Placement (AP) courses in all secondary schools that include grade eleven or twelve. These classes prepare students for the national AP examinations. Students who score 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam are, in many instances, considered qualified to receive credit for the equivalent course(s) at colleges and universities that give credit for AP exams. The data in this document are presented for high school students who participated in AP courses in the state's public schools and took at least one AP exam during the 2019–2020 school year.



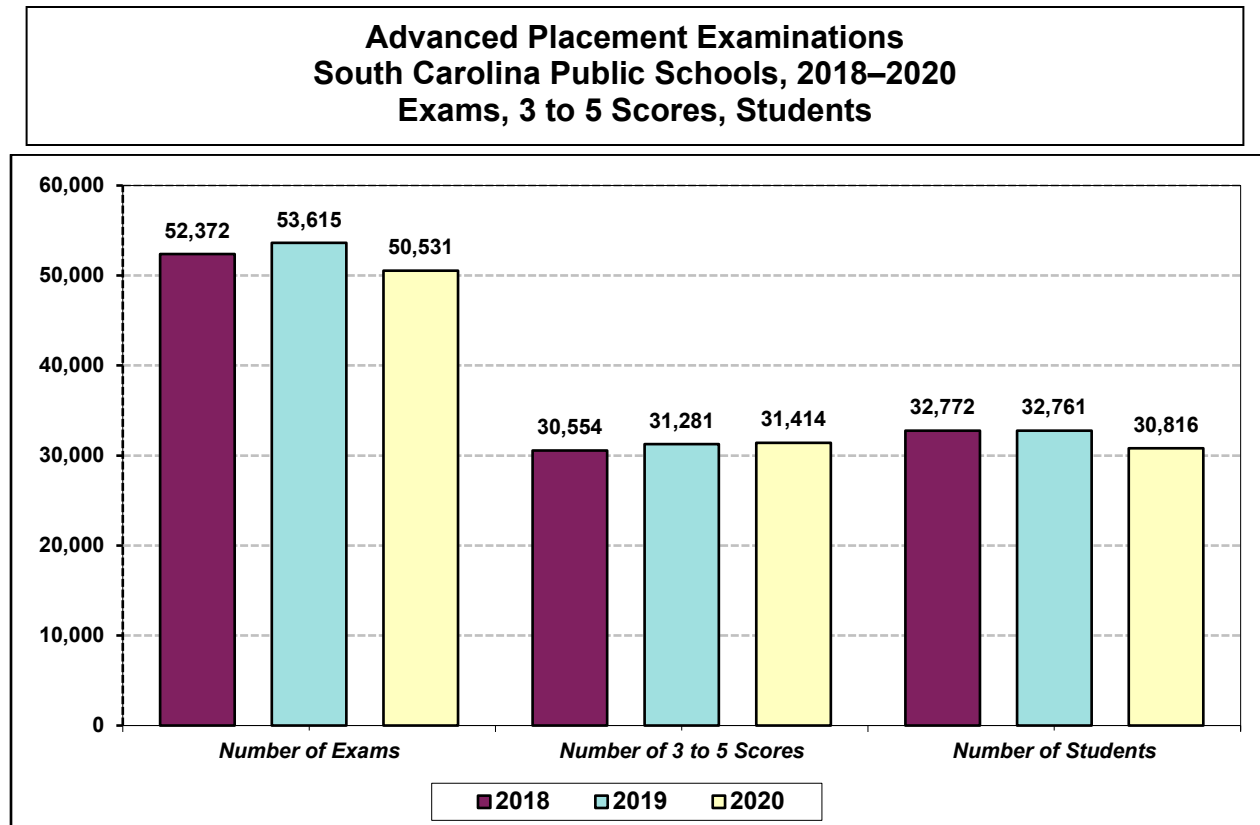
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2020 was 62 percent (31,414 out of 50,531). For the nation, during the same period, the percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for public school students was 62 percent. The number of exams taken in South Carolina public schools dropped from 53,615 in 2019 to 50,531 in 2020, and the number of test-takers dropped from 32,761 in 2019 to 30,816.

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The following chart provides information on the number of AP exams taken, the number of exams with 3 to 5 scores, and the number of public-school students taking exams in South Carolina public schools during the past three years.



In 2020, SC public school students took exams in 36 AP exam areas (students could take more than one test). The six most-taken AP exams were, in order, Human Geography, English Language and Composition, United States History, Psychology, English Literature and Composition, and Biology.

The following table provides information in alphabetical order on the AP exams that were taken by South Carolina public school students in 2020, the numbers of 3 to 5 scores, and the percentages of 3 to 5 scores. The SC Department of Education does not display performance data (--) for subgroups with fewer than five scores.

Note: 4 exams had change of name from last year

Previous names	New names
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	2-D Art and Design
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	3-D Art and Design
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	Drawing
World History	World History: Modern

**Advanced Placement Examinations
South Carolina Public Schools, 2020**

Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
2-D Art and Design	451	424	94.0%
3-D Art and Design	76	59	77.6%
AP Capstone Research	594	393	66.2%
AP Capstone Seminar	1019	922	90.5%
Art History	269	134	49.8%
Biology	2787	1966	70.5%
Calculus AB	2761	1768	64.0%
Calculus BC	1137	859	75.6%
Chemistry	1367	644	47.1%
Chinese Language and Culture	18	9	50.0%
Comparative Government and Politics	81	71	87.7%
Computer Science A	385	219	56.9%
Computer Science Principles	1556	1028	66.1%
Drawing	265	242	91.3%
English Language and Composition	5385	3429	63.7%
English Literature and Composition	3342	2035	60.9%
Environmental Science	2137	1176	55.0%
European History	1972	1031	52.3%
French Language and Culture	63	50	79.4%
German Language and Culture	9	5	55.6%
Human Geography	5659	3388	59.9%
Latin	19	12	63.2%
Macroeconomics	995	596	59.9%
Microeconomics	674	421	62.5%
Music Theory	282	153	54.3%
Physics 1	1100	554	50.4%
Physics 2	130	101	77.7%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	69	45	65.2%
Physics C: Mechanics	269	210	78.1%
Psychology	3573	2321	65.0%
Spanish Language	451	350	77.6%
Spanish Literature and Culture	32	24	75.0%
Statistics	2030	1044	51.4%
United States Government and Politics	2430	1507	62.0%
United States History	5157	2987	57.9%
World History: Modern	1987	1237	62.3%

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